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SUBJECT: Legislative Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information regarding EMS related legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

PRIORITY LEGISLATION - SUMMARY OF ACTIVE BILLS 2005/2006 LEGISLATION SESSION

AB 586/McLeod, Medical Disaster Mobilization

STATUS: Senate Floor

This bill would allow for appointment of a Medical Health Operation Area Coordinator in each disaster operational area and requires regulations and establishment of an advisory committee for disaster activities.

AB 1848/Bermudez, Homeland Security: Interoperable Public Safety Communications Network

STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization

This bill would designate the annual Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee legislative report to serve as the state strategic plan for establishing a statewide integrated, interoperable public safety communications network. It requires implementation strategies and timelines which include, but are not limited to, goals, objectives, identification of resource needs, possible funding sources, expenditure prioritization, common protocol development for equipment standards, and recommendations on how to coordinate resources with federal, state, regional and local entities as well as advance integration of local, regional and statewide communications networks.

AB 1889/Nava, California Emergency Council

STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization

This bill would also require the membership of the council to include the Adjutant General, the Director of Homeland Security or its successor entity, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Emergency Services who may be ex officio chairperson at the Governor's discretion.

AB 2041/Nava and Horton, etc., Public safety: communications

STATUS: Senate Governmental Organization

This bill changes the membership of the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee. It adds the Military Department, State Department of Health Services, and the Department of Finance, and removes the Department of the Youth Authority. It also requires that a representative of the Office of Emergency Services serve as chairperson. The Emergency Medical Services Authority is represented on the committee. The bill requires that interoperability be developed to include first response agencies, as defined.

AB 2083/Vargas, Emergency medical services: automatic external defibrillators

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee

This bill would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2013, on the operative provisions of existing law governing the use of AEDs.

AB 2265/Nava, Emergency Medical Services

STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

This bill would extend the sunset clause in current law from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2009, allowing Santa Barbara County a longer time to collect additional revenue from penalties to pay for emergency medical services, and to establish a Maddy EMS Fund in their county.

AB 2554/Ridley-Thomas, Emergency Medical Technicians: certificates: discipline

STATUS: Senate Health Committee

This bill would prohibit a medical director of a local EMS agency from suspending or revoking any EMT-I certificate issued by a public safety agency or place on probation a EMT-I certificate holder in which the public safety agency has issued the certificate until certain policies and procedures are developed by the medical director and approved by EMSA.

SB 1339/Romero and Perata, Emergency medical services

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee

This bill would require EMSA in consultation with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to conduct an evaluation of existing emergency care and trauma care services to assess the current condition of the state's emergency and trauma care system and provide the findings to the chairs of the appropriate committees of the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2008.

SB 1350/Romero, Trauma care funding: regional funding allocations

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee

This bill would require EMSA to establish a statewide inclusive trauma system including establishment of trauma care regions by April 2007.